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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2008 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Accompanying this amendment is: 1) a Declaration of Dr. Masakazu Takeuchi under 37 C.F.R. §1.132; 2) a petition for a one-month extension of time from July 10, 2008, through August 10, 2008; and 3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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